GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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Decline in Stocks
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the UN Annual Hunger Report which indicates that India has the highest number of hungry people in the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to provide food and check hunger in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b): The stock of foodgrains (rice and wheat) in the Central Pool during the last three years was well above the minimum buffer norms (now defined as 'Foodgrains stocking norms for the Central Pool'). Statement showing actual stock vis-Ã -vis Foodgrains stocking norms for the Central Pool during the last three years is at Annex-I.

(c) to (e): The stock of foodgrains in the Central Pool as on 1.7.2015 was 545.75 lakh tons as against the foodgrains stocking norms for the Central Pool of 411.20 lakh tons for July-September quarter which is adequate to meet the requirement under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and Other Welfare Schemes (OWS) as per the existing level of allocation.
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